



Notes from the Director **No. 51**

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The year which just ended was a challenging one for us and for our country. The demands on our Agency were as great as any we have ever experienced in peacetime. Your response has been superb, and I can assure you that our policymakers fully recognize and appreciate its value. You can be justly proud of what you have done and the spirit in which you have accomplished it. To those of you who have served in the field under difficult conditions and to those in Headquarters who have worked long hours to provide support in crisis situations, I want to express my particular appreciation.

The year ahead promises at least as many challenges as 1979. As we move into the new year, I believe we can take great encouragement from the growing sense of understanding and appreciation both by the Government and by the general public for the vital role which has been assigned to us. We all sense that there is increasing support for giving us the resources and the latitude to better perform that role. The President has approved and will submit to Congress a budget for Fiscal Year 1981 which represents real growth. There is every reason to believe that Congress will act favorably on this budget and will also consider positively legislation designed to better protect our sources and the identities of our field officers. The recent action by the Secretary of State to revoke Philip Agee's passport represents an important step in this direction for which we all can be grateful.

I am confident that during the course of 1980 we will see a continual strengthening of support for vigorous and effective intelligence capabilities that will demand not only professionalism and dedication, but also a flexibility and resolve to address new problems. You have always met such challenges in the past and I know you will continue to do so.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stansfield Turner".

STANSFIELD TURNER
Director